THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) Sukhminder Singh *alias* Sukhi, one of the accused in the case of assassination of Gen. Vaidya, has been arrested by the U.S. Authorities on May 14, 1987, at New Jersey.

(c) Yes, Sir.

Talks between India and China for Settling Border Dispute

258. SHRIMATI SUDHA VIJAY JOSHI:

SHRI DHARAM CHANDER PRASHANT:

SHRI SURESH KALMADI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any proposals to settle the border dispute between India and China;

(b) if so, what are the details of the proposals;

(c) what progress has so far been made in this direction; and

(d) the likely venue and time for the next round of talks between the two countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) to (c) Proposals are being carefully examined. It will be appreciated that these cannot be revealed in advance of negotiations.

(d) The 8th Round of Official-Level Talks is to be held in New Delhi. The dates have not been finalised.

Export Prospects

259. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether export prospects have of late brightened and if so, what are the details thereof; and

(b) whether the next export policy has been successful and if so, what are the details in this regard, sectorwise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRIYA RANJAN DAS MUNSHI): (a) According to the latest statistics, India's exports during the first two months of the current financial year i.e. April-May, 1987 amounted to Rs. 2457.60 crores as compared to Rs. 1909.27 crores during the corresponding period of the previous year, thereby showing an increase of 28.7 per cent. These are provisional statistics, subject to revision.

(b) The export policy initiatives taken by the Government in the recent past have contributed to increase in exports. The details of major sectors which have shown an increase in exports during 1986-87 as compared to 1985-86 are as under:

(Value: Rs. Crore

Commodity-sector	1985-86 (P)	1986-87 (P)	Absolute increase
Coffee	235.64	306.24	+70.60
Tobacco	146.69	174.19	+27.50
Cashew Kernals	215.33	320 64	+105.31
Oil Meals	123.54	187 02	+63.48
Marine Products	388.60	477.42	+88.82
Cotton Raw	65.82	181.84	+116.02
Cotton fabrics, yarn and made ups etc.	509.18	569.70	+60.52
Readymade garments	1007.50	1037.86	+30.36
Silk fabrics	*48.52*	*116.15*	*+67.63*
Leather & Leather mfrs. (Incl. footwear)	520.94	787.12	+266.18
Chemicals & allied products	285.89	473.76	+187.87
Gems & Jewellery	1498.10	2059.28	+561.18
Handicrafts (excl. carpets)	123.34	144.94	+21.59
Machinery, Transport equipment and Metal manufacturers (excl. Iron & Steel)	760.29	969.30	+209.01

(P) : Provisional.
SOURCE : DGCI & S. Calcutta.

Representation to Workers in Various Sectors

260. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have agreed to give increasing representation to workers in the management of public and other sectors;

(b) what progress has so far been made in the above direction in respect of public sector, co-operatiave sector and private sector; and

(c) whether the above principle is being adopted in sugar, dairy and oilseeds sectors where co-operatives are very active?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) to (c) Government notified a comprehensive Scheme of Employees' Participation in Management in December 1983 applicable to Central public sector undertakings. The State Governments are also required to introduce the scheme in their own public sector undertakings and also to encourage the private sector to implement the Scheme. According to information available about 100 public sector enterprises have implemented the Scheme. Separate information about the progress of the implementation of the Scheme in the cooperatives and private sectors is not available. However the principle is applicable to all the sectors.

World Commission on Environment

261. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the recent two day meeting of the World Commission